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From 1990 to 2000, this country had what many consider it's greatest decade of technological advance. As in my previous e-mail to House Rep. Sue Myrick of N.C., one should look at these gains in technology and productivity, and realize that Microsoft's products had more to do with this than any other entity (except possibly the internet itself, which may or may not be an entity?).

Please leave this company alone and let the free hand of economics take care of the issues of which you are concerned. Given time to work under the laws of free trade, Microsoft and Intel will eventually be replaced by other dominant companies, just as U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel, Ford and GM., Exxon and Mobil, IBM and Digital Equipment, etc. were replaced in dominance by others, and by the developing trends of our global economy.

Besides, this country needs all the employment taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, and income taxes that Microsoft pays. There are too many other companies posting losses (no taxes) with poor products in bad markets.

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